

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below, in which deletions are indicated by strikethrough and/or double brackets, and additions are indicated by underscoring. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended). An anti-theft device in a vehicle, said device comprising:
an anti-theft locking mechanism operable to temporarily lock a position of a handlebar of said vehicle by inhibiting pivotal movement thereof;
a remote control apparatus which is usable to remotely operate the anti-theft locking mechanism;
a receiver that is adapted to receive[[s]] a locking release signal transmitted from the remote control apparatus;
a controller that is operable to release[[s]] locking by the locking mechanism according to the locking release signal; and
a manual override locking release mechanism that is operable to bypass[[es]] the controller and to mechanically unlock[[s]] the locking mechanism by manual operation of a dedicated key in a vehicle;
the locking release mechanism being normally covered with a cover member of the vehicle.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the cover member includes
a cover which covers the locking release mechanism, and which is capable of being selectively opened and closed.

Claim 3 (previously presented). An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the locking release mechanism is provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key can be inserted; and

the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key is insertable therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from the side.

Claim 4 (Currently amended). An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the cover member comprises a portion of a front cowl of the vehicle.

Claim 5 (previously presented). An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the cover member further includes a latch for selectively maintaining the cover in a closed position.

Claim 6 (previously presented). An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the cover remains connected to the cover member when the cover is in an open position.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented). An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the locking release mechanism is provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key is insertable; and

the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key is inserted therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from the side.

Claim 9 (Currently amended). A motorcycle, comprising:

a frame and a handlebar pivotally attached to the frame;

an anti-theft locking mechanism operable to temporarily lock a position of the handlebar by inhibiting pivotal movement thereof;

a remote control apparatus which is usable to remotely operate the anti-theft locking mechanism;

a receiver that is adapted to receive[[s]] a locking release signal transmitted from the remote control apparatus;

a controller that is operable to release[[s]] locking by the locking mechanism according to the locking release signal; and

an electronically actuated locking release mechanism; and

a manual override locking release mechanism independent of an ignition system of the motorcycle, the locking release mechanism including a dedicated key that is capable of unlocking [[s]] the locking mechanism by manual operation of the dedicated key;

the manual override locking release mechanism being normally covered with a cover member of the motorcycle.

Claim 10 (previously presented). A motorcycle according to Claim 9, wherein the cover member includes a cover which covers the locking release mechanism, and is selectively manually opened and closed.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A motorcycle according to Claim 9, wherein the locking release mechanism is provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key is insertable; and

the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key is inserted therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from the side.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). A motorcycle according to Claim 9, wherein the cover member comprises a portion of a front cowl of the motorcycle.

Claim 13 (original). A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the cover member further includes a latch for normally maintaining the cover in a closed position.

Claim 14 (previously presented). A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the cover remains connected to the cover member when the cover is in an open position.

Claim 15 (original). A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the cover is pivotally connected to the cover member.

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended). A motorcycle according to Claim 9, including two of the anti-theft devices comprising said anti-theft locking mechanism and a second anti-theft device, which are respectively associated with [[a]] the steering handlebar and a seat of the motorcycle, wherein the remote control provides means for selectively controlling the seat independently of the anti-theft locking mechanism.

Claim 18 (previously presented). A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the locking release mechanism is provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key is insertable; and the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key is inserted therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from the side.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended). In a two wheeled motor vehicle comprising a cover member, an ignition system, and a steering system,

the ignition system comprising a first key dedicated to the ignition, and an ignition switch,

the improvement comprising an anti-theft device, the anti-theft device comprising:

an anti-theft locking mechanism operably connected to the steering system;

a remote control apparatus;

a receiver that is adapted to receive[[s]] a locking release signal transmitted from the remote control apparatus;

a controller that is operable to release[[s]] locking by the locking mechanism according to the locking release signal; and

a manual override locking release mechanism that is operable to unlock[[s]] the anti theft locking mechanism by manual operation of a second key that is dedicated to the manual override locking release mechanism;

the manual override locking release mechanism capable of being selectively covered with the cover member of the vehicle.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended). An anti-theft device comprising:

- an anti-theft locking mechanism for locking a handlebar;
- a remote control apparatus which is usable to remotely operate the anti-theft locking mechanism;
- a receiver that is adapted to receive[[s]] a locking release signal transmitted from the remote control apparatus;
- a controller that is operable to release[[s]] locking by the anti-theft locking mechanism according to the locking release signal;
- an emergency locking release mechanism for permitting a user to manually override the anti-theft locking mechanism; and
- a dedicated key for use with the locking release mechanism;

the locking release mechanism comprising

- a key cylinder configured to receive the dedicated key therein, and
- a mechanical connection between the key cylinder and the anti-theft locking mechanism,

wherein when the dedicated key is manually operated within the key cylinder, the key cylinder mechanically drives the anti-theft locking mechanism to an unlocked state.